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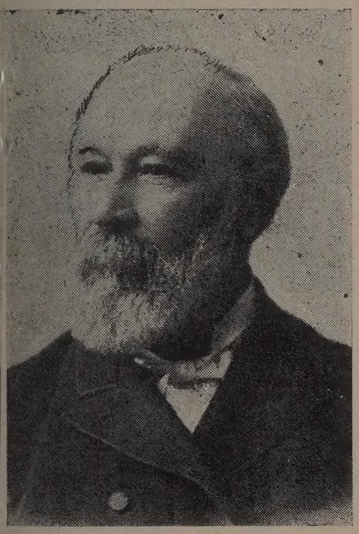
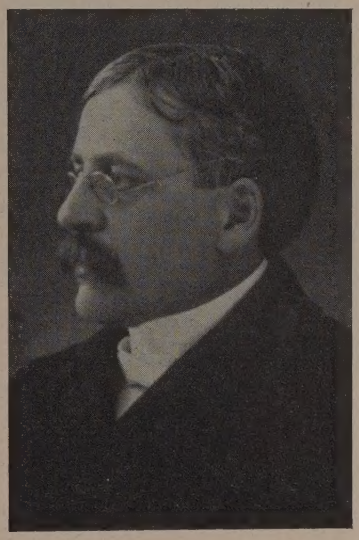


REV. JAMES HENRY WARREN, D.D.

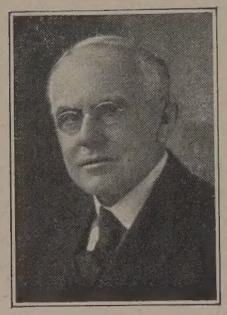
Graduate of Knox College and Union Theological Seminary; came to California via the isthmus in 1850; organized the third church in California, namely, at Nevada City; member of organizing meeting of first association of ministers in 1852; registrar and treasurer of General Association of California, 1857-1896; editor of The Pacific beginning 1858; commissioned as Home Missionary Superintendent of California, 1864, continuing 27 years to October 1, 1891; died February 17, 1905, at the age of 85 years, 5 months, and 10 days. Supt. Warren assisted in organizing and establishing 188 churches.



REV. JAMES KIRKLAND HARRISON

Graduated from Olivet College and Chicago Theological Seminary; pastorates at Central Park, Chicago, Illinois, and Santa Rosa, California; called as Superintendent of Home Missions on February 1, 1893, serving until March, 1907, 14 years and 2 months; died on August 27, 1907, at the age of 51 years and one day; served during years of panic, war, and the "free silver" controversy.

See significant dates in Conference history and story of Centennial Sunday, both on page 2.

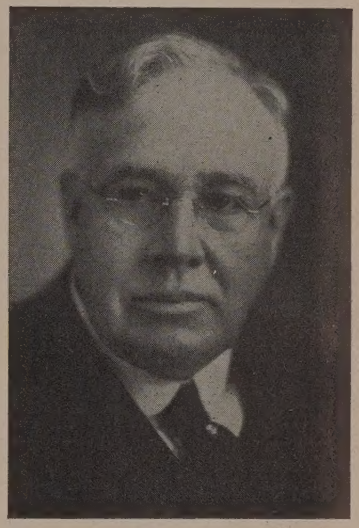


REV. LELAND DEE RATHBONE, D.D.

Graduate of Oberlin College and Pacific School of Religion; pastorates: Redwood City, Santa Rosa, Cotati, North Church, Berkeley, and Cloverdale, all in this Conference; First Superintendent of newly formed Northern California Conference, September 1, 1907 to July 31, 1922, a total of 14 years and 11 months; died May 26, 1938 at the age of 77 years, 9 months, and 2 days; friend, counsellor, and statesman. A small picture, but a great man.

REV. HARLEY H. GILL, D.D.

Graduate of University of California and Pacific School of Religion; pastorates at Hayden, Colorado; Niles, California; Stockton, California; Sacramento, California; first elected Superintendent in 1922 but declined; became Superintendent January 1, 1930.



REV. WILLIAM JAMES MINCHIN, D.D.

Graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary; pastor at St. John, New Brunswick; Wrentham, Mass.; Tewksbury, Mass.; Ames, Iowa; Mason City, Iowa; and Santa Barbara, California; Superintendent of Colorado five years and then came to California, being Superintendent from 1922 to 1929; died June 13, 1945 at the age of 79 years, 11 months, and 4 days.

CENTENNIAL YEAR PROGRESS

Contributors to the Centennial Fund of the Conference will be delighted to learn of the progress which has already been made, in some of the projects for which the fund is being raised.

AT CAZADERO

1. The new road for which an appropriation of $4000 was made from the Centennial Fund has been finished and with enough money left over to widen the road on the adjacent property and to secure lumber for the new bridges.

2. The location of the new swimming pool has been decided by the Cazadero Commission. It will be in the lower end of the orchard and plans for the beautiful pool, 40 by 60 feet but oval in shape, have been drawn. Careful estimates of the cost have been made which, including the filtering system, will amount to about $6630. It is hoped that receipts will justify the beginning of work this summer.

3. Preliminary plans have been drawn for the new administration building which will also be a dining room and a social hall.

CHURCH EXTENSION

1. SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK is near the end of its first year and is now enjoying the building provided by the Centennial Fund and the Church Building Society.

2. MODESTO is whipping building plans into shape, but their first effort may be a parsonage provided in large part by the Centennial Fund and the Church Building Society to release the present building as a place of worship for social and educational activities.

3. LA SELVA BEACH. Sunday School is going forward in the community hall.

4. SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL. A site has been purchased by the St. John's E. & R. Church. Sunday School continues in the home of Mr. Lesley Jackson. Complete community canvass has been made by Rev. D. S. Coad, Misses Agnes Robb and Elizabeth Skagerberg. Strategy meeting representing both denominations is soon to be held looking toward the launching of the new St. John's United Church.

5. RICHMOND. A deposit has been made on the option to secure a church site, and the Planning Commission and the City Council have been petitioned for permission.

6. SANTA ROSA. A new site has been secured near the Junior College, money being furnished as a loan to the church by Centennial Fund and the Church Building Society.

CAUSE FOR SATISFACTION

The Conference staff believes that those who have thus far contributed to the Centennial Fund will feel highly gratified by the steps thus far taken and will want to increase and repeat the contributions thus far made. More projects are on their way.

So Say We All

"But, brethren, our rest is not yet. Our work is only begun. We are pressed to forget the things which are behind, and to reach forth unto the things which are before. The issues of the past come up again today. If in the future as in the past, the host be one in heart, will, and action, the next decade will not pass without its song, its joy, its glory."

—Supt. James H. Warren, in his report in 1867.

These Also Nobly Fought of Old

Five men, whose pictures appear on this page, have served as Conference or Home Missions superintendent in the Congregational fellowship in this area. But there are others who for brief periods held things together and are worthy of high praise.

The American Home Missionary Society kept in touch with the development of church work in California through Rev. S. H. Willey of San Francisco during the early "fifties."

Rev. Timothy Dwight Hunt served for one year (1856-1857) as agent for the A.H.M.S.

In the late "fifties" the editor of The Pacific was correspondent and representative of the Society.

Rev. Hiram De Forest Wiard succeeded Rev. J. H. Warren, probably at the request of the A.H.M.S., for a year, more or less, (1891-1892), until a permanent leader could be chosen.

Rev. H. E. Jewett was registrar of the General Association for many years.

Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, as secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, organized many Sunday Schools, a number of which became churches.

Others who might well be mentioned are Rev. William C. Pond and Rev. George W. Hinman, who devoted themselves to the Oriental work; Rev. Miles B. Fisher and Rev. John C. Prince, who gave themselves in the cause of Christian education; Rev. H. H. Wykoff, representative of the Building Society; Rev. H. H. Kelsey and Rev. H. M. Tenney for the American Board on the coast; and without doubt many others.

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Merger Progress

Supt. Harley H. Gill had the privilege of attending the California Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church held in Inglewood near Los Angeles. The Synod voted 34 to 12 in favor of accepting the Congregational interpretation of the Basis of Union, thus making it the 22nd Synod to act favorably. Since that time the full two-thirds of the Synods have voted to approve. The suggestion of Supt. Gill, that at an early date a joint committee representing the Synod and the two Congregational Conferences be set up to begin thinking about the merger on the Conference and Association level, seemed to meet hearty approval.

Town and Country Committee

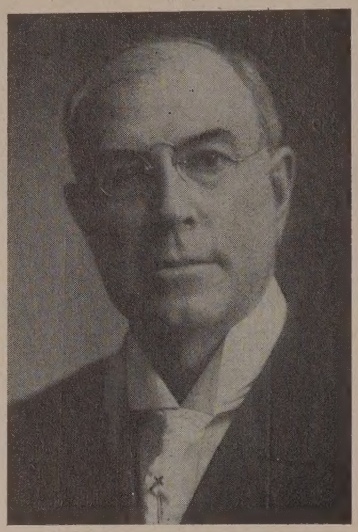
The Conference Board of Directors has set up a new committee on Town and Country Life. It consists of Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel, Rev. Gordon L. King of Saratoga, Rev. Hendrik Martynse of Loomis, Rev. H. J. Loken of Kenwood, Rev. Robert M. Kennan of Paradise, and Rev. Clifford S. Higby of Cedarville. The first meeting was held on May 24 at the Pacific School of Religion with Prof. Correll Julian as adviser. They plan to study the needs of town and country churches in this area and offer whatever assistance is possible.

Light and Cold

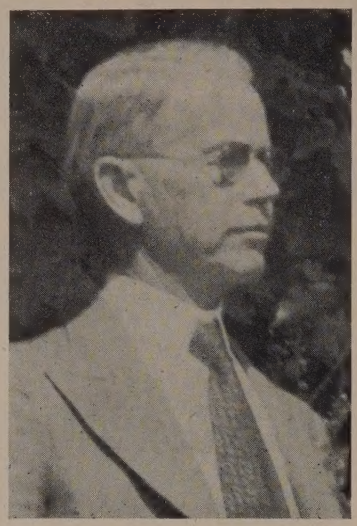
The Cazadero Commission meeting at Cazadero on Memorial Day voted approval of the purchase of a generating outfit which will give electric light and power, and also took steps toward the securing of a large navy refrigeration outfit. The Commission had the thrill of seeing over 130 young people at work in preparing the grounds and buildings for the summer camp sessions. Mr. Otto Kuhns is proving to be a very efficient camp manager. Logs are being prepared against the day when a new headquarters building will be erected.

Cooks Wanted

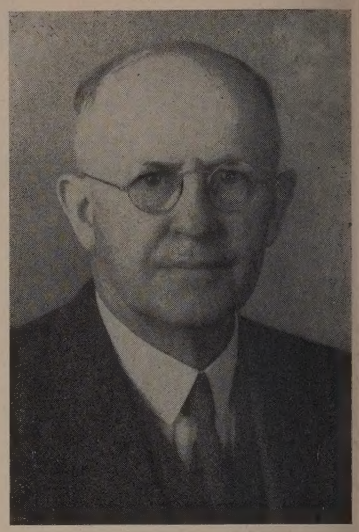
Wim Meyer, in the name of the Cazadero Commission, calls for volunteer assistant cooks. Yes, it means hard work, but think of the glorious surroundings, the fellowship with eager young people, and the contribution to their spiritual development. Write to Wim, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.



REV. EDWIN JAMES SINGER
Educated at Wabash College; three pastorates in state of Washington and two in California; State Superintendent for Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, 1898 to 1908; General Missionary of the California Home Missionary Society, 1910 to 1920; died November 24, 1920 at the age of 62 years, 10 months, and 13 days.



REV. WILIAM EDGAR ECKLES
Graduate of Pomona College and Pacific School of Religion; pastor of ten churches in this Conference; assistant superintendent 1926 and 1927; died July 23, 1935 at the age of 66 years, 8 months, and 5 days.



REV. EDWIN TAFT SHERMAN
Educated at YMCA College and Chicago Theological Seminary; pastorates in Northern California: Broadmoor, San Leandro; Lodi; and Rio Vista; Field Secretary of the Conference for six years beginning September 1, 1936.

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN CONFERENCE HISTORY

July 29, 1849, First Congregational Church of San Francisco organized.

September 16, 1849, First Congregational Church of Sacramento organized.

June 26, 1850, First Congregational Council, for installation of Rev. Timothy Dwight Hunt.

March 5, 1851, first ordination, Rev. Joseph H. Benton, Sacramento.

August 1, 1851, first issue of The Pacific, Rev. J. A. Benton, editor. Rev. J. H. Warren editor beginning in June, 1858.

May 12, 1852, First Congregational Ministers' Association formed.

1855, College of California chartered. (In 1868 it became University of California.)

1856, Timothy Dwight Hunt appointed as Agent for California of American Home Missionary Society.

April, 1857, formation of General Association of California.

August, 1864, Rev. J. H. Warren commissioned as Superintendent of Home Missions for California, Nevada, Utah, and later Arizona.

1866, Pacific Theological Seminary founded (later Pacific School of Religion). Classes opened in 1869.

October, 1883, California Home Missionary Society came into being.

1882, Rev. T. J. Ford appointed General Missionary for Southern California.

February 1, 1893, Rev. J. K. Harrison became Superintendent of Home Missions.

September 1, 1907, Rev. Leland Dee Rathbone became Superintendent.

January 20, 1908, Northern California Congregational Conference organized, to take the place of the General Association, (incorporated February 4, 1908).

August 1, 1922, Rev. William J. Minchin of Colorado began his service as Superintendent.

January 1, 1930, Rev. Harley H. Gill of Sacramento became Superintendent, although his term of service began a month earlier.

September 1, 1936, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Lodi became Field Secretary of the Conference, with particular responsibilty for youth work.

October, 1938, consolidation into one administrative unit of Northern California Congregational Conference, the California Home Missionary Society, and The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society.

January 1, 1944, Rev. William W. Meyer became first full-time Secretary for Christian Education and Youth Work.

December 12, 1944, purchase of Cazadero property authorized.

May 15, 1947, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham became Director of Extension Work.

1949, Centennial Year.

CENTENNIAL YEAR REPORTS AND PLANS

In 58 churches of the Northern California Congregational Conference, Centennial Sunday was observed on May 15 with special services commemorating the 100 years of Congregationalism in California. In most of these churches Centennial sermons were delivered by the local ministers while others had pulpit guests for the day. In all of the 58 churches the Centennial campaign was given emphasis, and a special offering was taken, the incomplete returns for which show a total of $10,184.99. Large gifts and Century Club memberships subscribed before May 15 totaled $26,385.74. Thus the approximate sum raised to date for the Centennial stands at $36,570.73. Some of the larger churches have not yet reported.

The Centennial campaign continues through the year 1949, and churches which have not yet held a special service will be expected to do so in the autumn. We have a long way to go yet before reaching our goal of $100,000. Large gifts and Century Club memberships will be solicited during the summer and fall, in addition to the special offering that is yet to be taken in a number of local churches.

A vigorous campaign of education and promotion is being ably directed by the chairman of the drive, Major Albert J. Watson of San Mateo. Assisting him are the following district leaders: John Neukom, James Yates, Carvel Caine, Ralph Anderson, Duncan Olmsted, Nels Sanderson, C. R. Van Buskirk, Fred Smith, and Merrill J. Nikkel. There is also a Centennial Planning Committee of 20 members, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Conference, which will continue to serve through the year.

In order to give impetus to our Centennial drive for the balance of 1949, churches which have not yet used visual aids and printed literature are urged to do so in the autumn. There are still 40 churches (according to our records) which have not yet celebrated Centennial Sunday. These churches should set their dates immediately, and plan for such an event. All churches which have not had a Centennial dinner should do so in the fall. The most effective program is to have people come in old-fashioned costumes, with some member giving a brief account of the history of the local church. This would be followed by an illustrated lecture or motion picture from the Conference office, and a brief message from the district Centennial leader. Let's put this project over the top in 1949!

—S. H. B.

Goodbye Until September

Readers are reminded that The Pacific is published ten months of the year and that issues will be omitted in July and August. Be on the lookout for the September number, which will carry announcements of the annual meeting of the state Conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 17-27—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.

June 19-28—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

June 20-July 27—La Foret School for Pastors.

July 30 - August 27 — Foreign Fruit project, Hughson.

August 5-10 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

August 6-13—Adult Camp, Cazadero. $16.75 per person, registrar, Mrs. Florence Rahill, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

August 13-20—Family Camp No. 1. Applications at least ten days in advance to Director Robert Reed, 1007 D Street, Antioch.

August 20-27—Family Camp No. 2. Director Rev. Ruben Huenemann, 427 W. Oak Street, Lodi. Children under 12 in Family Camps, $11.00.

October 26, 27 and 28—Annual meeting of Conference at First Church, San Francisco.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. — Rev. Herbert Dimock has resigned to take effect on July 31st, but during July he will be on vacation in Southern California. On August 1st he will become the pastor of the Antioch church. Mr. Dimock came as student director of the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House in 1940. After graduation from the Pacific School of Religion he led in the organization of the church and was ordained on the same day the church was received into the Bay Association. Today the church has about 180 members. More than any other one person, Mr. Dimock carried the load of discovering and acquiring the property on which the new church and community center is built. He can truly be said to be the founder of the church. His resignation was received with the deepest regret and with high appreciation of the service that he has rendered. A Centennial Cavalcade arranged by Miss Helen Wirt was presented on the evening of May 15th, portraying highlights in the history of the church. The scenes depicted were the Nativity, Martin Luther at Wittenberg, the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the organization of the First Church, San Francisco, the organization of the Pioneer Church in Sacramento, the launching of the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, the formation of the Arlington Avenue Community Church, and a Pilgrim Fellowship Camp at Cazadero.

LODI, FIRST. — Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor of this church, was honored at the commencement of the Pacific School of Religion by the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, in recognition of his high quality as pastor. The church presented him with a very beautiful Hamilton wrist watch, and a corsage and a gold brooch to Mrs. Boone. The annual Mother and Daughter banquet was held on May 6th. A large delegation of Pilgrim Youth attended the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at Murphys on May 22nd.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. —A most enthusiastic and significant annual meeting has been held. New officers were elected and splendid reports given. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester have received from the Division of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions a citation for their part in developing a new and exceedingly promising church within the brief space of three years.

SAN MATEO. — Nine new members were received on May 15. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, pastor of the church and chairman of the Conference Committee on Stewardship, Missionary Education and Promotion, attended a meeting of all the state chairmen at Racine, Wisconsin, May 31 and June 1. The church has called as full-time assistant minister Rev. M. M. Irwin, to begin August 1. He has been on a part-time basis during the past year.

BERKELEY, CHINESE.—A Sunday School picnic was held on May 29 at Tilden Park. Rev. William W. Meyer of the Conference staff conducted baptismal service on Easter morning. Ten new members were received. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. — Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, has been asked to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the high school. A vacation church school is planned for the latter part of June.

REV. SIDNEY H. BUCKHAM, D.D.

Graduate of Pomona College and Pacific School of Religion; assistant pastor, Central Union Church, Honolulu; Director of Youth Work, Southern California; pastor at North Bennington, Vt., and San Mateo, California; Director of Church Extension beginning May 15, 1947.

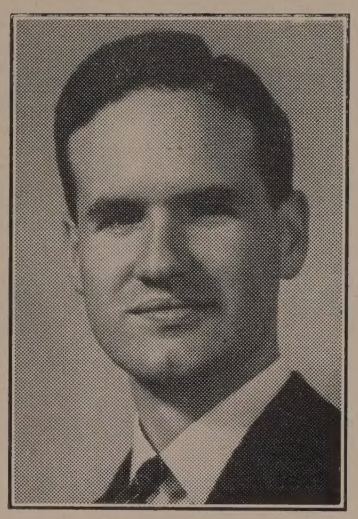
PETALUMA. — A painting of the original church building and parsonage was presented to the church on Centennial Sunday. A total of $818.40 was given or pledged to the Centennial Fund. Rev. Noel J. Breed preached the sermon and Miss Esther Patterson, daughter of the late Rev. S. C. Patterson, pastor from 1902 to 1905, was present. Rev. Herbert C. Gans, the minister, felt that the observance of the Centennial, which was also the 95th anniversary of the Petaluma church, was most fruitful.

ANTIOCH.—This church is rejoicing in the acceptance of its pastorate by Rev. Herbert Dimock of Berkeley Arlington Church. He will begin work on August 1st. Antioch as a city is growing rapidly with several new subdivisions, and it presents one of the finest opportunities in the Conference. Mr. Dimock, with his experience of church development in a new neighborhood, is an ideal choice for this post.

MODESTO. — The Sponsoring Committee of this new project is seeking ways for providing housing for Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe and family in order to release the present dwelling place for the exclusive use of the church and Sunday School, and the aid of the Conference and the Building Society is being sought.

SUNOL.—Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, who is now living in San Jose, has begun church services in the Sunol church, having a congregation of 29 the first Sunday. This church has been inactive for some years, but a number of new people are in the community and it may well be that under Mr. Whitaker's leadership work can be re-established.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. — A parish monthly known as "The La Conga" is being published. Rev. B. Y. Leong, the pastor, is hoping to secure a part-time assistant. On Centennial Sunday Mr. James Yates and Mrs. Jean Wilbur were speakers.



REV. WILLIAM W. MEYER

Graduate of University of California and Union Theological Seminary; pastor at Fairfax, California; Director of Christian Education and Youth Work beginning January 1, 1944.

FERNDALE.—Committees representing this church and the Methodist church have voted to recommend to their respective bodies a federation which will have Congregational ministers, but which will worship in the Methodist building. A splendid spirit of cooperation exists between the two groups. It is hoped that a new pastor will be secured quickly to take the place of Rev. C. H. Hudson, who has resigned.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE.—Rev. Hiroshi Izumi has been called as pastor of this church and will begin early in August. Mr. Izumi has been studying at Andover-Newton Theological School. Prior to the removal of the Japanese from California, he was pastor at San Jose. He and his wife will give strong leadership in this church. Since the departure of Rev. Norio Ozaki, laymen have been conducting services.

SANTA ROSA.—Legal papers are being recorded securing a new property in Santa Rosa near the Junior College for the ultimate use of this church if and when the old property can be sold. The new site is in the midst of a splendid development, and in an area where there are no churches. Mr. William E. Welch is the pastor and has been called for another full year of service.

ORINDA. — Another great step forward has been taken by this church. At last report $35,000 had been raised in cash and pledges toward the goal of $45,000. Rev. George G. Dowey has led in the campaign. Rev. Fred R. Morrow reports a Sunday School enrollment of 450, with an increase in attendance over one year ago of 100.

SAN LORENZO.—Kitchen equipment is being installed. Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the old church property, the proceeds of which will apply on the debt of the new building. On Sunday, May 22, the attendance at Church School was 527. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

ALAMEDA.—The annual meeting of this church was held in May. Mr. W. V. Howe, who has been treasurer for a quarter of a century, states that his report was the best financial report that he had given in the past 25 years. Forty-seven new members were received during the year. All departments and organizations showed a healthy condition. The renewal of the building goes on with a new furnace having been installed during the past year, and many other improvements made. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is the pastor. The Conards will be in attendance at the Pomona commencement when their daughter Connie graduates. During vacation Rev. Charles S. Mundell will serve the church.

PARADISE.—A lovely new Wurlitzer organ was dedicated on Memorial Sunday. It was the gift of a large number of people in memory of the boys of the Paradise church and Sunday School who gave their lives in the last World War. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the sermon, and Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, who was pastor when the project was launched, led in the act of dedication. In spite of the heavy rain, the sanctuary was filled, as it is almost every Sunday. Rev. Robert M. Kennan is giving strong leadership in the church and in the community. In spite of competition from over 20 churches and religious groups, this church is growing steadily.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK.—Following a Mothers' Day breakfast by the trustees, the church had their initial service in their new building. One hundred steel folding chairs have been purchased. A pulpit was received from the Stockton church and a piano has been secured. The church expects to hold Sunday evening services as well as meeting regularly on Sunday mornings. Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap saw to it that 1300 handbills were distributed in the community announcing the new church.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. — The Centennial was observed not only on Centennial Sunday but by a carnival on the Friday following, with entertainment for all ages from 1:30 in the afternoon until 11:00 at night. Centennial projects were presented by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, Rev. William Welch, Rev. Dwight Coad, and Rev. William W. Meyer. Several hundreds were in attendance at one time or another throughout the day. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST.—On various occasions the California Centennial has been presented with the films furnished by the Conference and an address given by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Church Extension Director. The Mother and Daughter Dinner was held on May 6th with the Junior Choir furnishing music. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

MARTINEZ.—This church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on June 19, with an anniversary sermon by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord and dinner at 1:30 and an historical exhibit. In the afternoon there will be an anniversary program with history of the church and an address by Rev. Robert W. Inglis, moderator of the Conference.

SOQUEL.—Seven new members have been received into the church recently. Forty-one children had perfect attendance at Sunday School for the month of April. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Correspondent

The Executive Committee of the Federation met at 9:45 Thursday, May 19, to discuss new and old business. Important dates discussed were August 5 to 10 at which time the M.E.M. conference will be held at Asilomar. Mrs. Gail Cleland and Mrs. Lewis W. Taylor were appointed delegates. The Institute of International Relations will be held June 19 to June 28. Mrs. E. B. Kientz was asked to appoint a representative.

At the regular monthly meeting, Mrs. Richard Johnson, young people's secretary, reported that there would be fourteen camps held at Cazadero this summer with the regular young people's camps included. She also announced that the new road is finished. Those driving over it should experience no fright because now it is only a 12% grade. The adult camp to be held August 6 to 13 was stressed, particularly the fact that at this camp there would be no children, and that the program would be strictly adult.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, Thank Offering Secretary, reported that fifty-eight persons were present at the spring session held at Cazadero. After all bills had been paid there was $35.00 left which was turned over to Cazadero. In speaking of the Thank Offering, she reported that money for the Women's Gift would be used for the building of new churches, women in new churches, and the translation of books and Bibles.

Mrs. Lewis Taylor, Foreign Field Secretary, gave a most interesting report on what is happening abroad. She started by saying that with all the material which is available to us telling of the work in the mission fields, there is danger of failing to see clearly the work being done in any one country. She made the suggestion that reports be broken down by countries. Now she has, for example, a consecutive report of the work in China.

She went on to say that the first, most important job of a missionary is to bring to his people the message of Christ and the Christian religion, and how true it was also that teachers, doctors and other scientific workers are important aides in bringing that message.

She read a part of a letter from Mr. Samuel Coles, who is stationed in a West African mission. He wrote "The plow has become a part of the thinking of the young man. Let me give you an idea of what it means to them today and what they will do to get one. One of our students left school three years ago and went to South Africa where he worked in the mines for a year under contract. When his time was up he drew his money to come home. He didn't buy a lot of things which he could not use. Instead he bought an all-steel plow, carrying it all the way (1500 miles) on his shoulders. When he got home he saw that he would need oxen and money so that he could get married. He went to the fisheries and worked for a year so that he could have both.

What do the plow and oxen mean to the Christian way of life in this part of Angola? They mean this: the people are **free from the fear of hunger,** they are better clothed, they are enjoying a greater measure of good health. And above all, it means that the village churches, hospitals, and schools have taken on self-support".

Mrs. G. W. Ludlow, Home Field Secretary, reported that once Ellis Island was a grey memory to her, and that the knowledge of the island was limited to the fact that this was the place where aliens were held for deportation. Then she went on to say that today, through the gifts to the Board of Home Missions and the work of Mrs. Jennie Pratt, this is all changed. Mrs. Pratt is our representative on the island. Her days are full in welcoming Displaced Persons who must pause there for one reason or another. She attends hearings on special cases, examines papers, and settles disputes. She helps them with the English language, and furnishes them with clothing, books, games, and toys for the children. And not only displaced persons know her cheerful, kindly voice, all who pass through Ellis Island have felt her friendliness.

Mrs. Ludlow said that "Mrs. Pratt is Christianity in action, an outstanding example in good public relations." This was one of her examples of the meaning of good public relations which she said was a matter of mutual understanding and good will between the Home Board, Conferences, churches, and people, the Board being an agency through which the churches carry on their Christian Mission beyond the immediate community, the major item in good public relations being the quality of work done with the money received and adequate reporting to the donor.

Speaking of Displaced Persons, Mrs. Ludlow said that 205,000 of them will come from Europe to these shores before June, 1950. These people will come because they are homeless, jobless, and dispossessed, and "because Uncle Sam, after careful screening of health, character, and political reliability, considers them good risks as future citizens."

In the afternoon, Dr. Percy Hayward, Editor of the International Journal of Religious Education, gave an interesting talk on "The Family." He said that the home is the most powerful and continuous influence in the life of a person. It begins first and continues when others have been withdrawn. Christian nurture in the family has three values of ascending importance: (1) **Important,** that parents help their children with their Sunday School lesson homework; (2) **More important,** the religious activities that parents carry on in the home, as grace before meals, hymns, prayer, and Bible reading; (3) **Most important,** the attitudes of the parents concerning the everyday activities in the home, church, and society. They establish foundations in habits and ideas toward the family, the church, and society.

Elva Louise Mickle

Elva Louise, whose coming had been expected for some time, arrived on May 18 to bless the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Charles Mickle of the South Berkeley Community Church. Reports are that baby and mother are doing nicely and that the father is taking matters as well as can be expected.

Commissioned

Pilgrim Fellowship young people and many others will remember Mary Fulmer, at one time state Pilgrim Fellowship president. She and her husband, Rev. Robert Wood, were commissioned as missionaries of the American Board to Japan. The commissioning service was held in Central Congregational Church, Providence, R. I., on Sunday, June 5.

Better

The month of May showed a substantial increase over the period a year ago, so that at the end of May for the first five months of 1949 the giving to OCWM is not far behind the total for apportionment and CWVR for the same period a year ago.

	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1948	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1949
Alameda	$ 488.46	$ 455.98
Alturas	116.96	57.10
Angels Camp	50.00	256.48
Antioch	93.13	92.74
Auburn	128.75	132.16
Benicia	52.00	
Berkeley, Arlington	61.94	199.67
First	3,366.03	4,241.16
North	372.00	550.10
Northbrae		276.17
South Community	169.42	513.55
Biola		47.68
Campbell	120.00	177.02
Cedarville	33.75	46.43
Cloverdale	67.42	80.60
Cotati	43.25	62.50
Crockett	28.60	32.03
Dinuba	.66	2.00
Eagleville		7.36
Elk Grove	14.25	33.64
Etna	5.89	44.90
Eureka	227.30	556.56
Fairfax	37.50	75.00
Ferndale	76.05	183.40
Fowler		50.00
Fresno, First	350.00	2,035.20
Japanese	25.00	
Zion		66.08
Glen Ellen	50.00	34.23
Guerneville	25.00	36.95
Hayward		1,011.40
Kenwood	14.18	57.70
Likely		7.13
Lodi, Ebenezer		299.30
First	1,652.00	1,731.97
Loleta		23.41
Loomis	100.00	100.00
Martinez	546.74	848.47
Modesto		64.06
Murphys	100.00	
Niles	50.00	113.50
Oakland, Bethany Armenian		71.57
First	2,200.00	2,627.83
Fruitvale	72.40	67.41
Japanese	80.00	30.00
New Pilgrim	56.00	38.44
Plymouth	691.50	1,107.34
Orinda	216.74	560.28
Oroville	373.10	154.12
Pacific Grove	100.00	50.00
Palo Alto	600.00	1,868.13
Paradise	400.00	266.50
Parlier	20.00	
Penngrove	23.68	20.25
Pescadero	10.00	
Petaluma	235.00	525.00
Pittsburg	82.85	156.95
Port Chicago	64.92	51.10
Porterville	600.00	754.00
Redwood City	423.56	531.84
Reedley, Finnish	15.00	15.00
Rio Vista	50.00	80.00
Ripon	86.19	208.62
Sacramento, Pioneer	690.00	1,087.00
Sierra Arden	51.48	116.00
Salida	40.10	26.53
San Carlos	250.00	430.00
San Francisco, Bethany		
Mission Park	60.90	62.20
Calvary Armenian		30.00
First	189.38	621.02
Ocean View	50.00	50.00
Park Presidio	154.97	281.27
Sanger		66.33
San Jose	420.00	1,118.89
San Leandro	66.35	143.00
San Lorenzo		15.75
San Mateo	625.00	1,750.00
San Rafael	10.00	14.70
Santa Cruz	89.00	654.87
Santa Rosa	78.00	113.52
Saratoga	289.81	273.34
Sebastapol	150.22	185.58
Sonoma	60.55	59.01
Soquel	90.55	25.82
Stockton	412.54	1,044.15
Suisun	50.00	57.50
Sunnyvale	39.07	198.06
Tulare	270.00	705.00
Weaverville	50.00	50.00
Woodside	11.50	29.00
Reno, Nevada	325.19	318.27
Miscellaneous	1,446.58	628.61
Totals	$20,838.41	$33,943.43

"And Shall We Do Our Part"

June has been designated by Church World Service as Displaced Persons' month. A strong plea for the complete cooperation of Protestants in the program is being made. On the basis of reports which had been received on the national level as of May 5, there were 51 assurances sent directly to CWS by the Congregational Christian Service Committee and 14 assurances sent directly to CWS by Congregational Christian sponsors. These are the only national statistics available at this time. However, it is believed that more Congregational Christian members have sent in assurances than are recorded here. Every effort will be made to keep the committee informed of all cases which may come to our attention here. Let your Conference know what you are doing!

The goal in this drive is one assurance for each church in the national denomination, or 4500. This is a large task and a great challenge. Let us see what a good showing can be made in our Conference.

—Social Action Committee

At a recent meeting of the Conference Social Action Committee Dr. Eugene Staley, executive director of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, suggested several ways in which the Conference and the churches of the Conference might help in the program of Education in the field of international relations.

The World Affairs Council of Northern California is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. It is not concerned with legislative action, nor does it promulgate any single point of view.

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